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68.	Gomti	• Lucknow to Confluence with Ganga	BOD—6-8.2 BOD—6-7.6	Uttar Pradesh
69.	Ganga	• Kannauj to Kanpur D/S	BOD—6-10	Uttar Pradesh
70.	Ganga	• Varanasi D/S	BOD—6.5-16.5	Uttar Pradesh
71.	Danmodar	• Durgapur to Heldia	BOD—6.4-32	West Bengal

Ban on the field trials of BT rice

1142. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from agricultural experts to put a ban on the field trials of BT rice that are taking place in the country in violation of regulations and conditions laid down for field trials of genetically modified crops;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether several countries have banned genetically modified versions of the crop in view of food security; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not received any representation from agricultural experts to put a ban on the field trials of Bt rice.

(c) and (d) Except China and Iran, no other country has commercialized Bt rice. For food security, no country has banned genetically modified crops. However, in European Union approval of genetically modified crops has been given for feed and fuel purposes but not for food purpose. Since no food crop is commercialized in India there is no question of banning the same.

Eco-clubs

1143. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eco-clubs functioning in the country;

(b) the number of such clubs functioning in the State of Goa;

(c) the quantum of financial assistance given to the clubs in Goa, since the inception of the scheme;

(d) the activities conducted by them; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The number of eco-clubs functioning in the country with the financial support of the Ministry of Environment and Forests is 97559;

(b) The number of such eco-clubs functioning in the State of Goa is 500;

(c) The quantum of financial assistance given to the clubs in Goa, since the inception of the scheme is Rs. 48.47 Lakhs;

(d) and (e) Major activities undertaken by the eco-clubs in Goa are mentioned below:

(i) Waste Management including plastic free Campaigns and Vermi Composting,

(ii) Conservation of water, including rainwater and roof water harvesting,

(iii) Environment awareness campaign and rallies and science exhibitions,

(iv) Ground water survey and monitoring in selected villages,

(v) Medicinal plants/herbs survey and their importance,

(vi) Kitchen gardening, maintenance and upkeep of existing gardens and Tree plantation drives,

(vii) Turtle conservation,

(viii) Sand dune vegetation and its importance,

(ix) Preparation of herbariums,

(x) Study of tourism activities in the State,

(xi) Visit to Wildlife sanctuaries and heritage/historical sites, and various research and academic institutions,

(xii) Management of plant products for domestic institutions,

(xiii) Study of domesticated animals and their characteristics and uses,

(xiv) Pouching of animals and its impact on the environment,.

Building of Shaheen-II

†1144. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the report of an Institution of American Scientists, Federation of American Scientists (FAC), according to which Pakistan has developed the atomic missile Shaheen-II and it can be used against India;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.